

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1954

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st December, 1953 -

Males - 326,935

Females - 306,596

Persons - 633,531

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1953 -

Persons - 358,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	FEBRUARY		2 Months Ended FEBRUARY	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Marriages - Number	451	429	926	878
*Rate per 1000 of Population	9.24	9.08	9.02	8.82
Births - Number	1,126	1,305	2,394	2,664
*Rate per 1000 of Population	23.08	27.61	23.32	26.77
Deaths - Number	333	340	780	726
*Rate per 1000 of Population	6.83	7.19	7.60	7.30
Infant Mortality - Number	19	32	50	64
*Rate per 1000 Live Births	16.87	24.52	20.89	24.02
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	-	4	2	9
Malignant neoplasms	61	59	126	116
Diabetes mellitus	3	4	10	6
Diseases of blood etc.	-	1	6	2
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	40	27	97	69
Diseases of the heart	92	105	214	232
Hypertension with heart disease	8	9	25	23
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	5	7	12	11
Atherosclerosis	11	9	25	18
Influenza	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	9	9	23	23
Emphysema	2	-	6	3
Other respiratory disease	2	-	10	3
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	3	3	8	7
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	4	9	7
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	1	3	2
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	1	1	3
Gonorrhea and nephrosis	5	3	13	5
Diseases of the prostate	1	2	5	8
Other causes	1	1	1	2
Diseases of early infancy	13	20	25	35
Motor vehicle accidents	16	16	26	21
Other accidents	18	18	39	35
Other causes	7	3	15	7
Total.	333	340	780	726

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during March, 1954 totalled 265,806 acres, a decrease of 62,514 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,144,762 acres, a decrease of 280,166.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	MONTH OF MARCH		Nine Months Ended MARCH	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,775,631	3,344,741	29,457,988	26,615,453
Revenue per Head of Population	£5. 18. 8	£5. 8. 5	£46. 15. 11	£43. 13. 5
Expenditure	3,615,685	3,377,918	31,452,089	28,512,403
Expenditure per Head of Population	£5. 13. 7	£5. 9. 6	£49. 19. 3	£46. 15. 8

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 31st March, 1954 amounted to £51,090,851 or £80. 4. 1d. per head of population as against £48,600,697 or £78. 13. 8d. per head as at the 31st March last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 31st March, 1954 amounted to £14,261,889 compared with £12,302,830 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MARCH		9 Months Ended MARCH	
		1954	1953	1954	1953
Transfers	No.	2,444	1,863	18,087	15,084
	£.	4,095,363	2,521,934	26,337,252	17,545,548
Mortgages	No.	1,777	1,565	14,985	11,196
	£.	2,869,661	2,320,243	23,748,580	16,052,089
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,144	1,088	9,705	8,128

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Nine months ended MARCH, 1954	29,958,293	19,648,361	70,099,659	4,357,207
Nine months ended MARCH, 1953	26,171,720	19,120,646	62,300,521	4,003,182
Month of MARCH, 1954	3,536,973	2,281,718	7,364,512	496,511
Month of MARCH, 1953	2,895,834	2,663,323	7,201,207	447,520

THESE RESULTS ARE THE RESULT OF A COMPARISON OF THE DATA OBTAINED FROM THE ANALYSIS OF THE SAMPLES OF THE TWO GROUPS. THE RESULTS ARE PRESENTED IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES OF THE TWO GROUPS.

MONTH OF ANALYSIS	1957		1958	
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January	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15
February	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15
March	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15
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May	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15
June	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15
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COMPANIES REGISTERED

144 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £12,159,003 and 57 Foreign Companies were registered during the nine months ended March, 1954. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 86 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £5,077,100 and 48 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Nine Months Ended MARCH -					
	1954			1953		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	38	115,357	83,091	28	104,964	51,919
Deeds of Assignment (a)	16	69,401	88,546	20	156,419	184,234
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	FEBRUARY		8 Months Ended FEBRUARY	
	1954	1953	1954	1953 /
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	953,300	708,900	7,310,600	4,745,700
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,061,570	1,080,485	9,004,420	7,586,939
Train Miles Run No.	560,838	494,374	4,744,821	3,090,686
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 151,347	(b) 158,240	(c) 1,244,885	(c) 1,317,335
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	918,340	841,536	5,644,119	3,698,993
Motor Bus No.	32,910	45,097	386,561	431,357
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	256,778	231,207	1,983,121	1,427,396
Livestock	8,641	10,465	91,776	93,690
Departmental (Free Freight)	68,822	74,576	505,244	379,221
<u>Total.</u>	334,241	316,248	2,580,141	1,900,307
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	42,718,282	37,452,074	337,989,448	221,931,952
Livestock	1,076,763	1,223,330	12,141,554	11,997,873
Departmental (Free Freight)	9,494,116	9,919,961	71,226,405	52,740,477
<u>Total.</u>	53,289,161	48,595,365	421,357,407	286,670,302

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 6th February.

(c) Period ended 6th February.

* Figures liable to revision.

/ Figures reflect Metal Trade Strike.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
1954 -								
January	384	126	11	68	669	337	13	108
February	409	191	5	66	724	461	8	102

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952 - June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953 - June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
December	44,513	19,429	567	9,817	73,825	55,782	1,071	15,022
1954 - January	44,889	19,556	577	9,798	73,329	54,141	1,022	14,345
February	45,135	19,687	583	9,787	74,505	55,735	1,086	14,727

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for February, 1954:-
100 Cars; 747 Wagons, Vans, etc. 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, February 1954 and 1953, and eight months ended February, 1954 and 1953, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		8 Months Ended FEBRUARY	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	2,751	2,397	26,786	20,188	6,264	5,674	51,449	58,511
Interstate	5,463	5,392	53,448	44,802	923	2,025	13,808	16,409
Total.	8,214	8,289	80,234	64,990	7,187	7,699	65,257	74,920

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1953 -										
March Qr.	706	1,614	935	2,391	17	214	172	657	1,830	4,876
June Qr.	767	1,830	1,229	3,191	15	241	129	597	2,140	5,859
Sept. Qr.	593	1,443	1,370	3,537	25	249	163	1,079	2,151	6,308
Dec. Qr.	922	2,332	1,305	3,505	27	113	250	1,324	2,504	7,274

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(Including Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
<u>1953 -</u>										
March Qr.	660	2,004	139	364	823	1,587	8	14	1,630	3,969
June Qr.	700	2,132	288	787	986	2,044	7	17	1,981	4,980
Sept. Qr.	601	1,894	283	759	1,003	2,173	6	15	1,893	4,841
Dec. Qr.	715	2,387	266	747	1,154	2,473	3	8	2,138	5,615

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

204,397 lbs. were produced during March, 1954 and 12,292,725 lbs. for the nine months ended March, 1954, as against 229,027 lbs. and 12,911,429 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1953.

GOLD PRODUCTION

		MARCH		3 Months ended MARCH	
		1954	1953	1954	1953
Quantity	Fine Ozs.	106,531	64,184	228,875	181,773
Value (Aust. Currency) *	£.	1,650,315	994,311	3,545,618	2,815,961

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the three months ended March, 1954 amounted to £154,688. Dividends for the corresponding period of 1953 were £62,500.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	MARCH QUARTER		Twelve Months Ended MARCH		MARCH QUARTER		Twelve Months Ended MARCH	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
Metropolitan Area	2731	2492	2668	2522	2348	2247	2320	2212
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2852	2692	2778	2624	2407	2343	2377	2307
Northam	2737	2557	2675	2491	2360	2279	2336	2238
Bunbury	2782	2544	2696	2476	2376	2275	2339	2238
Geraldton	2816	2613	2749	2539	2473	2335	2443	2347
Collie	2804	2580	2727	2500	2265	2172	2235	2130

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1953			1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,573	39,805	167,378	133,021	41,620	174,641
February	128,682	40,835	169,517	133,165	42,375	175,540
March	129,232	41,012	170,244			
April	129,666	41,211	170,877			
May	129,673	41,189	170,862			
June	130,185	41,029	171,214			
July	130,540	41,132	171,672			
August	130,351	41,296	171,647			
September	130,899	41,443	172,342			
October	131,392	41,824	173,216			
November	131,948	42,192	174,140			
December	132,572	42,634	175,206			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	194	208	214	216	226
February	197	212	216	219	226
March	200	215	216	222	
April	200	215	215	223	
May	203	216	214	224	
June	202	215	211	224	
July	204	218	210	224	
August	204	217	214	224	
September	204	216	213	224	
October	206	217	214	225	
November	207	217	214	225	
December	207	215	215	226	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1952 are preliminary.

Date		Description		Amount	
1944	10-1	Balance		100.00	
1944	10-15	Interest		5.00	
1944	10-31	Interest		5.00	
1944	11-15	Interest		5.00	
1944	11-30	Interest		5.00	
1944	12-15	Interest		5.00	
1944	12-31	Interest		5.00	
1945	1-15	Interest		5.00	
1945	1-31	Interest		5.00	
1945	2-15	Interest		5.00	
1945	2-28	Interest		5.00	
1945	3-15	Interest		5.00	
1945	3-31	Interest		5.00	
1945	4-15	Interest		5.00	
1945	4-30	Interest		5.00	
1945	5-15	Interest		5.00	
1945	5-31	Interest		5.00	
1945	6-15	Interest		5.00	
1945	6-30	Interest		5.00	
1945	7-15	Interest		5.00	
1945	7-31	Interest		5.00	
1945	8-15	Interest		5.00	
1945	8-31	Interest		5.00	
1945	9-15	Interest		5.00	
1945	9-30	Interest		5.00	
1945	10-15	Interest		5.00	
1945	10-31	Interest		5.00	
1945	11-15	Interest		5.00	
1945	11-30	Interest		5.00	
1945	12-15	Interest		5.00	
1945	12-31	Interest		5.00	

Date		Description		Amount	
1946	1-15	Interest		5.00	
1946	1-31	Interest		5.00	
1946	2-15	Interest		5.00	
1946	2-28	Interest		5.00	
1946	3-15	Interest		5.00	
1946	3-31	Interest		5.00	
1946	4-15	Interest		5.00	
1946	4-30	Interest		5.00	
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1946	6-15	Interest		5.00	
1946	6-30	Interest		5.00	
1946	7-15	Interest		5.00	
1946	7-31	Interest		5.00	
1946	8-15	Interest		5.00	
1946	8-31	Interest		5.00	
1946	9-15	Interest		5.00	
1946	9-30	Interest		5.00	
1946	10-15	Interest		5.00	
1946	10-31	Interest		5.00	
1946	11-15	Interest		5.00	
1946	11-30	Interest		5.00	
1946	12-15	Interest		5.00	
1946	12-31	Interest		5.00	
1947	1-15	Interest		5.00	
1947	1-31	Interest		5.00	
1947	2-15	Interest		5.00	
1947	2-28	Interest		5.00	
1947	3-15	Interest		5.00	
1947	3-31	Interest		5.00	
1947	4-15	Interest		5.00	
1947	4-30	Interest		5.00	
1947	5-15	Interest		5.00	
1947	5-31	Interest		5.00	
1947	6-15	Interest		5.00	
1947	6-30	Interest		5.00	
1947	7-15	Interest		5.00	
1947	7-31	Interest		5.00	
1947	8-15	Interest		5.00	
1947	8-31	Interest		5.00	
1947	9-15	Interest		5.00	
1947	9-30	Interest		5.00	
1947	10-15	Interest		5.00	
1947	10-31	Interest		5.00	
1947	11-15	Interest		5.00	
1947	11-30	Interest		5.00	
1947	12-15	Interest		5.00	
1947	12-31	Interest		5.00	

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27.7.53	12. 6. 6	8. 0. 3	12. 6. 0	7.19. 11	12. 9. 4	8. 2. 1

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	MARCH		Nine Months Ended MARCH	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	35,634	30,963	294,517	257,868
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	31,904	27,656	263,883	228,630

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
March, 1954	7,687	264	62,828	8,461
March, 1953	6,342	266	82,569	8,348
9 Months ended March, 1954	81,314	4,300	848,811	81,076
9 Months ended March, 1953	67,154	5,030	1,156,479	89,150

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Month	Total Accidents Reported		Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-Politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
1953 -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January	1,100	276	316	102	164	75	6	5	197	129
February	1,072	266	271	108	176	65	8	9	237	87
March	1,110	319	286	125	178	95	5	13	217	138
April	1,117	319	319	136	169	81	12	7	186	117
May	1,242	300	381	130	167	86	13	9	190	116
June	1,273	259	381	128	154	62	9	7	191	75
July	1,281	253	361	115	182	56	9	3	209	74
August	1,168	273	335	109	138	76	7	9	163	118
September	1,153	266	352	125	141	57	12	6	152	70
October	1,325	285	374	133	205	65	8	6	264	90
November	1,205	268	333	124	159	83	4	9	201	112
December	1,314	280	365	128	191	81	6	10	223	108
Total.	14,360	3,364	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	99	93	2,430	1,234

